



Economic Development Commission
343 Highland Road, Tiverton RI 02878

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 21, 2016

Location: Tiverton Town Library
34 Roosevelt Ave.
Tiverton, RI 02878

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Chairperson, Scott Humphrey.

Members present included: Scott Humphrey (SH), Jon Cottrell (JC), Renee deJesus Jones (RdJ), Melissa Hutchinson (MH) and Marc Rousseau (MR)

Item #1: December Meeting Minutes Approval. Motion made by JC, seconded by MH, unanimous approval.

Item #2: Town Meetings Update

a. Harbor Commission (JC) – Making efforts to communicate with RIDOT to find out where \$2m allotment for the Stone Bridge abutment has gone, looking to proceed to federal or possibly litigate the matter, Rep Edwards and Senator Felag are now involved, TA Matt Wocjik has issued a letter to the RI State Treasurer, SH recommended going to the media to put pressure on Governor Raimondo to speed things up, the NCCC is ready to assist

b. Planning Board (MR) – Chairperson Hardy put forth concept language to clarify density as it relates to the form-based code, as this element was previously missed. Party and farewell for Kate Michaud to take place at 1/26 hearing.

c. Recreation Committee – no meeting this month

d. Town Council (RdJ) – Meetings this month on 1/11 & 1/20, included discussions regarding the ratified Firemen's contract, noise complaint at Sakonnet Outfitters shooting range, support for the 1/25-29 Tiverton Prevention Coalition's Purple Project, expansion of junkyards into wetland areas, Comp Plan handed over to Planning Board, LUPI (Land Use Planning Improvements) committee being developed, performance evaluation for MR, Legacy development presentation schedule for 1/25 at Town Hall, desire to complete exit interviews for individuals leaving town jobs.

e. Waste Water (SH) – Meeting 2/2 discussion included a stakeholders meeting for Riverside Dr. outlining the process and procedures, regulation document will go public soon, Town is requiring LongPlex development sewer approval before they can close on the property, even though SBA loan has been approved.

f. Zoning Board (MH) – John & Marcy Scaduto of 24 Shore Rd are appealing a notice of violation issued by Neil Hall regarding the expansion of a legal non-conforming structure, the owner was granted relief, Stephen Delisle President of the Dadson Mobile Home Owner's Assoc, was granted a variance to acquire an adjacent lot (Plat 410/Lot 126) for the installation of an onsite wastewater treatment system to replace the existing substandard system at 301

Bulgarmarsh Rd., in December the Tiverton Library was granted relief to install a 5'x10' sign at the corner of Bulgarmarsh and Roosevelt Ave.

g. Grinnell's Beach Improvement (MH) – Tricia Hilton, MR & MH met with Justin Moran of Energy Development Partners to review potential location of a solar shade structure at the Seaside Gas site, Justin was optimistic that shade structures could be donated to the town contingent on the town purchasing the electricity produced, AdHoc committee will wrap up a summary and designs in February to report back to the Town Council.

Item #3: 2016/17 Budget Update

SH reported that the town will be taking a 5-yr trend analysis into consideration which will require that SH explain to the Budget Committee why we are asking for more than in years past, especially for Special Projects. MH reported that she has reached out to the Planning, Zoning boards, Conservation and Open Space for support for the Mark Fenton presentation hosted by the EDC and has gotten good feedback, MR reports that the Planning Board does have some funds to potentially contribute to the event, MH is on the agenda for the 1/26 Planning Board hearing to request financial support for the speaker fee of \$4,000.

Item #5: Twin River Update

SH reported that an 8-person sub-committee is being developed to include the Town Administrator, Solicitor and 2 Town Council members, with 4 reps from TR. RdJ suggested that we leverage money for the Stone Bridge abutment in return for the rotary that the State needs to open the casino. RdJ to get a copy of the Brookings Institute report that Governor Raimondo is using to focus available funds on specific economic drivers for the state.

Item #6: Legacy Development Update

Developers to present the latest plan to the Town Council on 1/25, and to the EDC on 2/11. If there is not enough room for the public at the Town Hall on 1/25, the meeting will be rescheduled to the high school on 2/1.

Item #7: Member Recruitment

SH will speak with Mark Fifer on 1/23 to discuss his interest in joining the committee, Fifer is a member of the TYS and a local business person.

Item #8: Next Meeting to be held on 2/11 at 5:30 at the library.

JC made a motion was made to adjourn at 6:33pm. All in favor. January meeting minutes drafted by MH and sent to all members for approval at 2/11 meeting.

Submitted By: Melissa Hutchinson

Date Approved: 03.17.2016